

ATTACHMENT 4.6(a)(3): Request for Waiver of Statewideness

There are a total of sixty-five (65) Special Education Planning Districts. The Indiana Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services/Vocational Rehabilitation Services is currently providing funds under "Cooperative Agreements With Other Public Agencies" to eight (8) Special Education Planning Districts for the purpose of establishing cooperative transition programs for students eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Two of the Special Education Planning Districts are in their first year of funding and the other six are in their second year of funding. It is our intent to provide funding for a period of three years for these projects.

The purpose of this program is to provide a new pattern of services to students with disabilities eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services in their last eighteen months of school that will lead to their becoming competitively employed or enrolled in a career-preparation training program upon leaving school. Participating students will receive job placement and training services, vocational assessment, job-related instruction, career exploration opportunities, independent living skills training, and assistance with transition planning to insure a successful transition from school to work. The major outcomes of this program will be that students with severe disabilities will exit school with appropriate and permanent jobs.

The local public agency must identify the types of services to be provided; contain written assurances from the local public agency that it will make available to the State unit the non-Federal share of funds; contain a written assurance that State unit approval will be obtained for each proposed service before it is put into effect; and contain a written assurance that all State plan requirements, including a State's order of selection requirements, will apply to all services under the waiver.